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## Reopens to Public After Renovation

# Lake Tahoe's Ehrman Mansion Celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

LAKE TAHOE – The Ehrman Mansion at Sugar Pine Point State Park on the west shore of Lake Tahoe will celebrate its 100 years as a mountain sanctuary with a grand reopening party and celebration on Saturday, August 16, 2003, state park officials announced today.

The 11,073 square-foot mansion, also known as Pine Lodge, has been a landmark since it was first occupied by the Hellmann/Ehrman families of San Francisco beginning in 1903. It was purchased by the State of California in 1965.

"This 100th celebration is a tribute both to the house and to the visionaries who sought out this special piece of real estate for preservation," said John Knott, Superintendent for the Sierra District of California State Parks.

The celebration also marks the completion of a restoration of the park grounds, picnic areas and historic boats. The house now boasts a new roof, and new, authentic craftsman furniture modeled after the original.

The anniversary celebration is co-sponsored by California State Parks and the Sierra State Parks Foundation and will be held from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The day's activities include both educational and recreational events. The celebration begins with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. with State Parks Deputy Director Bill Berry. The remainder of the day's activities includes open house tours of the mansion, presentations by Washoe Tribe members, a children's activity zone filled with activities and games, and specialized talks throughout the day.

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Also included will be a free concert at noon featuring cowboy poet Mike O'Connell. Several vintage cars and boats will be on display, adding to the celebration atmosphere. Sandwiches and drinks will be available for sale. Or, visitors may bring their own lunch and picnic on the vast lawn overlooking Lake Tahoe.

All events are free with a \$4 per car parking charge to enter the park.

Further information and a full schedule of events may be obtained by contacting the Sierra District office at (530) 525-3345, or the telephone numbers listed above.

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